

13 May 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, EDAC Executive Committee

FROM : CIA Classification Control Officer

SUBJECT : CIA Position on Downgrading of CG/COCOM/CHINCOM Documents

REFERENCE : Memorandum dated 9 March 1955 to Chairman, EDAC Executive Committee from CIA Classification Control Officer, Subject: Provisional CIA Position on Downgrading of CG/COCOM/CHINCOM

1. This amends the CIA position as outlined in the reference memorandum by rescinding Paragraph 4 of that memorandum.
2. In view of the adoption on 4 April 1955 of the new COCOM security system, CIA has used that date as the "cut-off" date for its review of the CG/COCOM/CHINCOM documents rather than 1 January 1955 as indicated in the reference.
3. CIA has been assured by the Department of State that no downgrading action has been taken by the COCOM Secretariat on the basis of the CIA position as reflected in Paragraph 4 of the reference.
4. Attached is a list of (a) those CG/COCOM/CHINCOM documents issued prior to 4 April 1955, which as a result of their review by Mr. 25X1A9a [REDACTED] and in the opinion of this Agency, must retain a SECRET classification; and (b) those documents which must also retain a SECRET classification until they are made available to CIA for review.
5. This CIA position is submitted with the understanding that:
  - a. This determination applied only to those documents, papers and reports itemized in the lists transmitted on 26 April 1955 from USDEL (J.M. Myerson) to ECD/ITR/State. Any

other material, including for example COCOM and CHINCOM Summaries, are understood to retain a SECRET classification.

- b. When a SECRET classification is applied to any item on the attached list, that classification applies also to all documents in a specific series (with the exception of specially enumerated items in the COCOM Document 1400, 1600, and 1800 series), and to the several addenda, corrigenda, appendices and annexes which may have been issued by the COCOM Secretariat in connection with the original document; this stipulation will facilitate the storage and handling of the document so classified.
- c. In accordance with provisions of Annex A to COCOM Document 1901B, a list of reclassified documents will be issued by the COCOM Secretariat from time to time.
- d. Measures have been taken to insure the physical security of the COCOM Secretariat as specified in COCOM Document 1902B.

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**Attachment:**

**List of CG/COCOM/CHINCOM Documents to retain SECRET classification**